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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMSPEC JOHN GARDNER

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STATE FOR CU/EE, EUR/SOV; BELGRADE AND LENINGRAD FOR  
P&C; USIA FOR IEU

1. EMBOFF MET FEBRUARY FIVE WITH A.A. KOSORUKOV, CHIEF  
OF FOREIGN SECTION, AND F.A. LURYE, CONSULTANT ON  
AMERICAN LITERATURE, OF UNION OF WRITERS TO DISCUSS PROGRAM  
FOR GARDNER VISIT.

2. UNION OF WRITERS ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE EMB SUGGESTIONS  
CONCERNING ACTIVITIES, CITIES TO BE VISITED, AS FOLLOWS:

MOACOW        APRIL 4 - 7

EVENING OF APRIL 7 -- TRAVEL VIA OVERNIGHT  
TRAIN TO TALLINN

TALLIN        APRIL 8 - 9

APRIL 9 OR 10 -- TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD VIA TRAIN

LENINGRAD    APRIL 10 - 14  
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APRIL 14 -- TRAVEL TO TBILISI BY AIR

TBILISI APRIL 15 - 17

APRIL 18 -- TRAVEL TO NOVOSIBIRSK OR IRKUTSK  
BY AIR

IRKUTSK OR APRIL 19 - 20  
NOVOSIBIRSK

APRIL 21 -- RETURN TO MOSCOW

MOSCOW APRIL 22 - 24

APRIL 25 -- \$30-45 7 4

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3. UNION OF WRITERS REPS AT FIRST EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT PROPOSED ITINERARY WAS "TTO TOURISTY," WITH TOO MUCH TRAVEL AND NOT ENOUGH TIME IN EACH PLACE. BY END OF DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SCHEDULE COULD BE HANDLED IN TIME ALLOTTED. NONETHELESS, REQUEST DEPT ASK GARDNERS WHETHER THEY PREFER TO STAY LONGER IN A FEW CITIES OR VISIT MORE PLACES FOR SHORTER PERIODS.

4. BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH DETAILS OF PROGRAM, UNION REQUESTS STILL MORE DETAILS OF PROGRAM, DETAILS OF GARDNERS' INTERESTS THAN  
EMB WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE BASED ON STATE 005358. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES MRS. GARDNER, WHO TEACHES MUSIC, WANT TO VISIT MUSIC SCHOOLS? IN GENERAL, DOES SHE WISH TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR HER HUSBAND OR DOES SHE HAVE SPECIALIZED PERSONAL INTERESTS? UNION ALSO WISHES TO KNOW JOHN GARDNER'S INTEREST IN, FOR INSTANCE, VISITING AGRICULTURAL, RURAL AREAS AND IN SUCH SUBJECTS AS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. ANY ADDITIONAL INFO DEP CAN PROVIDE WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED BY UNION. KOSORUKOV TOLD EMBOFF THAT UNION WISHED TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO SATISFY GARDNERS' WISHES AND CONVEY  
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POSITIVE, COOPERATIVE IMPRESSION.

5. RE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, UNION FEELS ONLY SPECIALIZED AUDIENCES WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM READINGS OF GARDNER'S WORKS, WHICH LEADING SOVIET EXPERTS ON AMERICAN LIT. HAVE CHARACTERIZED AS CHALLENGING. UNION PREFERS TO HAVE GARDNER LECTURE ON HIS VIEWS REGARDING CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN LITERATURE WHEN ADDRESSING LARGER, MORE GENERAL

AUDIENCES IN UNIVERSITIES OR LIBRARIES. PLEASE INFORM GARDNER, ASKING HIM TO PREPARE LECTURE OF ROUGHLY FORTH MINUTE DURATION FOR SUCH EVENTS. IF GARDNER WISHES TO PROPOSE ALTERNATE TOPIC, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

6. PLEASE INFORM GARDNER THAT EMB, CONGEN LENINGRAD NOW PROVIDING COPIES OF GARDNER'S WORKS TO PERSONS WITH WHOM HE WILL HAVE CONTACT FOR FAMILIARIZATION PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL.  
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